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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKASHI MASATO : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 09/830,684 :
FILED: APRIL 30, 2001 :
FOR: STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE :
APPARATUS, DEVICE :
MANUFACTURING METHOD, :
AND DEVICE :

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
NOTIFICATION OF INVENTOR'S PROPER NAME

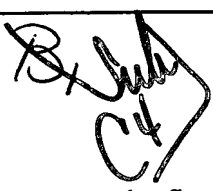
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

 35. (Amended) A stage unit according to Claim 28, further comprising
a stage base that movably supports the sample stage and is supported independently of
the first transmitting member.